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The church is a brick structure in fair condition seating approximately 200 persons. Attached to the church is a parish house. Located nearby is the rectory, at 1837 Bainbridge Street, and also an apartment house owned by the church at 1839 Bainbridge Street. All of these buildings require extensive rehabilitation.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The neighborhood around St. Mary's Church reported a higher than average median age for its population. In 1960 there were 41,499 persons living within the parish area served by St. Mary's and of this number 28,788 were non-white persons, making up 69.4% of the total membership. Data on the community is contained in the following chart.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION		% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
	1950	1960				
#30-A	NA	7,220		21.4	13.0	97.3
B	10,693	9,240	-13.6	26.7	11.5	83.1
C	NA	7,067		26.8	11.3	98.6
7-C	NA	9,860		13.9	12.8	32.9
4-B	NA	3,981		28.8	10.2	67.7
3-B	NA	4,131		11.9	1.8	28.6
TOTAL		41,499				69.4

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CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POPULATION		% CHANGE	RESIDENCE 1955
	1950	1960		SAME AS 1960 %
#30-A	NA	7,024		57.2
B	7,850	7,674	-2.2	59.0
C	NA	6,968		54.8
7-C	NA	3,247		48.8
4-B	NA	2,695		52.3
3-B	NA	1,180		63.5
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TOTAL		28,788		

CENSUS TRACT	ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER			MED	
	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLL. 1-3 YRS.	% COLL. GRAD.	AGE	F
#30-A	9.7	1.5	1.7	41.3	39.5
B	10.8	2.3	1.4	35.2	35.3
C	10.8	2.0	2.1	35.0	37.8
7-C	21.3	13.5	21.8	39.4	42.6
4-B	6.8	2.2	0.04	35.4	32.3
3-B	12.6	1.7	1.2	36.1	35.9

Of the 41,499 persons in the parish area there were 564 Episcopalians who made up 1.4% of the total population. Of these 564 Episcopalians 49 were members of St. Mary's Church making up 8.7% of the total Episcopalians and 21.9% of the parish membership.

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CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
#30-A	7,220	78	1.1	17	21.8	7.6
B	9,240	92	1.0	18	19.6	8.1
C	7,067	52	0.7	8	15.4	3.6
7-C	9,860	321	3.3	4	1.2	1.8
4-B	3,981	9	0.2	1	11.1	0.4
3-B	4,131	12	0.3	1	8.3	0.4
TOTAL	41,499	564	1.4	49	8.7	21.9

Additional information on churches and schools may be found in the attached report.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

It is unfortunate that information on the church membership was not submitted in the Self-Study Form but some information was reported on the church school which listed 50 students and three teachers. Attendance ranged from a low of ten to a high of 25 during the past year. The church school is faced with the problem of attendance which is somewhat related to the spread of its membership.

Organizations serving this church were: the Episcopal Churchwomen, the Men's Club, the Episcopal Young Churchmen, the Dorcas Society, and the Vestry.

During the course of the past reported year, \$3,672.00 was received in pledges to the church, \$314.00 in plate offerings, \$1,340.00 from endowments, and \$2,407.00 was received in special funds drives. It is obvious that if St. Mary's is to continue as an independent parish it will have to revise its sources of income on a more realistic basis. Further, at the time of our Study the parish was in debt for approximately \$5,000.00. Related to this is an Every Member Canvass held every second year. If this church is to do its best a thorough canvass for each year should be considered.

When future policy, program, and budget were considered the Church Self-Study Committee suggested the need for a Director of Christian Education and a church secretary. However, the data submitted do not indicate such a need but rather suggest that an emphasis should be put on increasing the interest, loyalty, and commitment of the present membership. The major problem considered by the church leaders was a lack of funds, but once again this is probably related to the degree of interest, loyalty, and commitment.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Date October 5, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Street 1831 Bainbridge St.

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? _____

South of Lombard Street, North of Christian Street,

West of Broad Street, East of Grays Ferry

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses X Industrial uses _____ Apartment dwellings _____

Rooming houses _____ Single-home dwellings _____ A college _____ Military

uses _____ Other institutions _____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

NO

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Dunbar School

16th and Lombard

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

St. Nicholas Day Care Center

22nd & Lombard Streets

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

[illegible]

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

St. Mary's Mission of St. Mark's Church held it's first Service in St. Mark's
Home, 1428 Lombard St. in the fall of 1888. The work was later taken up by Sister
Ella at 1712 South St. A Sunday School was started, and St. Monica's Guild was
organized by Sister Mary Angela. In October, 1891 the Mission was again moved and
the house at 613 S. 17th St. was opened and blessed by Dr. Nicholson, now Bishop
of Milwaukee. In May 1892, two small houses at 1623 and 1625 Lombard Sts. were
bought and set aside. The Church was then erected at 1831 Bainbridge St. in 1897,
and was consecrated by the Bishop of Milwaukee, The Rt. Rev. Isaac Lee, on the
9th of February, being the Octave day of the Patronal Festival of said Chapel in the
Year of Our Lord 1901. The Church became a Parish on Saturday, June 18, 1960,
the officiant being the Rt. Rev. Andrew Y. Y. Tsu, acting for the Bishop of the
Diocese, instituted the Rev. Bruce P. Williamson as the first Rector.

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;
Frame _____ Brick X Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Seven Rooms and Bath Condition - Good
Improvements Needed--New Roof Paving in Basement
Estimated Cost -- \$3000

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of
the building?

Replacement value: \$ 7,000 Insurance carried: \$ 5,000

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

Construction, Brick No. of rooms 9 Condition, Fair
Improvements needed, New Heater, Roof, Painting, Carpentry.
Estimated Cost \$5,000
Replacement Value, \$10,000 Insurance \$5,000
Present Use -- ONE Floor rented

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Land at 1831 Bainbridge, on which Church is located.

Rectory Grounds, 1837 Bainbridge St.

Apartment House, 1839 Bainbridge St.

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick X Stone Other (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

200 Sittings Condition - Fair

General Renovation Estimated Cost \$10,000

Replacement Value \$ \$100,000 Amount of insurance carried \$120,000

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached X Separated ;

In basement of the church X ; Frame Brick X

Stone Other (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Replacement value \$ Amount of insurance carried \$

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X;
Frame _____ Brick X Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Seven Rooms and Bath Condition - Good

Improvements Needed--New Roof Paving in Basement

Estimated Cost -- \$3000

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of
the building?

Replacement value: \$ 7,000 Insurance carried: \$5,000

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(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

Construction, Brick No. of rooms 9 Condition, Fair

Improvements needed, New Heater, Roof, Painting, Carpentry.

Estimated Cost \$5,000

Replacement Value, \$10,000 Insurance \$5,000

Present Use -- ONE Floor rented

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Mass	8:00 A.M.	20	20	40
Mass	11:15 A.M.	50	75	125
Church School	10:00 A.M.	10	20	50
Occasional Evening Services	6:30 P.M.	10	25	40

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Morning Prayer	Wed. 10:00 A.M.	3	5	12
Saints' Days (Morning Prayer & Mass)	10:00A.M.	3	5	12

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Stations of the Cross

Preaching and Teaching Mission

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Acolytes' Festival - 10

South Phila. Convocation - 10

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

There has been an attempt to have one Sunday service at a convenient hour rather than two services. This was attempted for two years. Result: The congregation was unhappy with this arrangement and decided that the former plan was much more convenient.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? YES
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? YES
3. Is baby care provided during any service? NO

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 3

b. Students 50

Total 53

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 10

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 25

e. Are absentee cards used? YES

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 10

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. The Church School Superintendent
makes monthly visits to the absentee; also on such times for performance of
projects.

2. Worship schedule

<u>CLASS OR DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>HOOR</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>

3. Instruction schedule

[illegible]

7. What problems does the church school have? _____
Inadequately trained teachers. These however are given instructions to enable them to
_____ carry on as well as can be expected. Lack of facilities.

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? July and August
2. For how long each day? 10-12 Noon
3. What type of courses are taught? The Bible and Prayer Book
4. How many children attend, usually? 12
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? All
6. How many teachers are there? 1

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? _____
2. What type of courses are taught? _____
3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

- D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 18 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Priest e. What material is used? Prayer Book, 90 Questions for Confirmation, Three Catechisms, etc. f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? In agreement
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2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 18 b. How long is each session? 1 hour c. Who is the instructor? Priest d. What material is used? Prayer Book, 90 Questions for Confirmation, etc.
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F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

<u>NAME OF GROUP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>LENGTH OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
<u>Bible Class</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1 hour</u>	<u>Priest</u>
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2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Six Quiet Days

Twenty Participants

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

MISSION

Twenty Participants

- G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

By attendance at Christian Education Conferences held by the Diocese.

Small classes in the Parish Hall with instructions on (1) The History of the Church

(2) Theology of the Church (3) The Missionary work of the Church as it relates

to the Church in the Community and the Nation and the World.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 104 Women
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 4
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 50

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 50
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 1
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 20

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 5
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 70

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
3. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
3. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
2. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Episcopal Women
Total active members 25 Average attendance at meetings 15 ^{After Service}
Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Sun. 11:15

B. Why does this organization exist?

For the training of the Women of the Church to enable them to know
the Church and it's work.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

The Entire Congregation.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Occasional Service conducted by the Priest.

The Women's own worship Service before meeting.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Sewing for hospital and for overseas and Christmas packages to hospitals.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Giving through UTO and Blue box offering.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Education as to the Nature and importance of association with the
work of The Episcopal Women.

Signed by: Jeanne Harris

Title: President
Episcopal Women

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Name The Men's Club
Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 10
Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Mon. 8 P.M.
- B. Why does this organization exist?
To allow the Men and Fellowship and the Organizations opportunity to
raise funds to assist the Church's Program.
- C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Men of the Congregation
- D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
Devotions, acquaintance with the Church's Program.
- E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Assisting in needed repairs, to the Church and helping with projects
of the Church as a body.
- F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
Aid in the increase of the Membership through house to house approach
and in the giving of themselves to a thorough Community Concern.
Problem Unwillingness to attend Meetings.
- G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Training classes as to the opportunity and challenge of the Church.

Signed by: _____ Title: _____

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Name Episcopal Young Churchmen
Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 10
Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Sun. 1 P.M.
- B. Why does this organization exist?
To have the young learn about the Church and to acquaint them with the
opportunities that are possible in becoming active leaders.
- C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Young people of Junior and Senior High.
- D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
Service before meetings by the Rector
Instructions (1) Prayer Book (2) Bible
- E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Community Social Programs
- F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
Association with the other youth of the Community to encourage
sharing the Church's Services and Programs.
- G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Active support of the Diocesan programs by the Youth of the Parish.

Signed by: _____ Title: _____

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Dorcas Society

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Sun. 1 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Title:

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF TENURE</u>	<u>MOVED TO:</u>
<u>F. Norris Craven</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1930-34</u>	<u> </u>
<u>A. T. Langlois</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1934-35</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Vincent F. Pottle</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1935-38</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Arthur F. Mitchell</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1938-43</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Francis B. Cannon</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1944-46</u>	<u> </u>
<u>James Hilton</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1948</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Thomas Little</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1949-57</u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

Priest-in-Charge at Church Of the Crucifixion 8th & Bainbridge Sts.

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work?
Please give details.

One Brother and One Priest

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now?

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations?

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 3,572.08 (2) Plate offerings \$ 313.94 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ _____ (4) Endowments \$ 1,340.00 (5) Special fund drives \$ 2,406.68 (6) Other (please specify) \$ _____

B. Disbursements

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses	\$9,000	Approxmly. same	same	\$12,809.25	\$14,000	9,154.25

Diocesan Assessment

Missionary Disbursements

Special parish expense

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

a) \$4,200.00

\$4,200.00 \$4,200.00

b)

from other sources

a)

b)

Rental value of the rectory

\$ 800.00

Is the church in debt? Yes

Amount of debt \$ 5,0000

Method of repayment

By agreement when possible

and balance to Diocese on purchase of house adjoining rectory

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Every Second year.

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. _____

One year by the Canvassers of St. Mark's and the sending of the Chairman to the Diocesan Training program for the Canvass.

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? _____

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

St. Mary's at the time of it's status as a Parish, showed it's ability to raise the necessary funds but unforeseen conditions necessitate a new appraisal of the Parish and it's work.

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation _____ Diocese _____

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ 500.00

4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Priest all minus \$120.00 which is donated by Congregation each year.

5. How much does the local congregation pay? \$120.00

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 200 mi.

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>
4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:			

Before noon After 6:00 P.M.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? _____

By location and need.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

Calling on the sick and by invitation to services and programs.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 5

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. _____

Block Committee

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

During illness and other family observances

Every member can

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. Bible Lectures

Educational films min 20 max. 30

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

By Confirmation and through the programs of the Church.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

Do not know

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Notice of Church services

Publication of special events

- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? The same

- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Church information to the parishoners.

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. Bulletons

Newsletters, annual reports and Diocesan important information

- E. How many church road signs are there? one

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? No

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. _____

Community meetings representation at meetings called in the interest of the
community Attendance at community functions and the conducting of
community Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

(Same)

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

Block committee and youth recreational programs

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Block committee

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Attending of special functions

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? The Diocesan conferences

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: _____

Thanksgiving United Service Men's corporate Communion

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: _____

U. I. O. Offering Diocesan Quiet Days Episcopal Women's meetings

and lectures

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Inter-church

meetings and conferences

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? No

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? _____

XV. STAFF

- A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector Full time 4200. Organist full time 840. Janitor part time 480

Part time Clerck 600. Soloist 480.

- B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Volunteer typist Sunday School Teachers

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: Director of Education , Church Secretary

2. Buildings: Many repairs

3. Equipment: Large quantities

- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

The growth of youth programs in South Philadelphia

- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

Lack of funds. This problem should have the serious concern of those who

have charge of the Diocesan program by Personal Visitations as recommended

and fully supported by the rector.

- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

\$20,000.00

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

A total of 223 persons were reported on the membership distribution map, and of this number the highest concentration of membership was located in Census Tract 46-C, west of the church and near the outer western limits of the city. A secondary concentration was located in the area of the church with almost 16% reported. However, the membership of St. Mary's Church is scattered over a wide area in several census tracts, most heavily concentrated south of the present church and west of the river. The following membership distribution is noted:

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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PARISH PHILADELPHIA

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
1 C	1	4
2 B	4	18
3 A	4	18
3 B	1	4
4 B	1	4
7 C	4	18
14 B	1	4
15 B	2	9
15 C	3	13
22 B	2	9
22 E	1	4
22 K	1	4
22 L	1	4
24 D	7	31
24 E	4	18
24 I	1	4
26 A	6	27
26 D	1	4
27 B	3	13
28 A	2	9
29 A	3	13
X 30 A	17	76
30 B	18	81
30 C	8	36
34 P	1	4
34 S	1	4
36 A	2	9
36 B	15	67
36 C	7	31
36 F	7	31
38 G	1	4
38 H	3	13
39 B	5	23
40 J	5	23
40 S	1	4
44 A	3	13
44 C	2	9
44 D	1	4
44 E	5	23
46 A	1	4
46 B	2	9
46 C	20	90
46 D	6	27
46 F	1	4
46 H	1	4
47 C	1	4
48 B	4	18
48 F	4	18
49 C	4	18
51 B	2	9
52 H	6	27
52 I	4	18
52 K	3	13
52 L	9	50
	223	1000

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

Since 1940, the membership of St. Mary's Church has decreased from 330 communicants to 168 and the church school enrollment has decreased from 181 communicants to 43 communicants. The highest reported year for communicants was the year 1945 when 342 were reported. Between 1961 and 1963, the baptized membership decreased from 306 persons to 253 and the communicant strength decreased from 227 to 168. During this time a total of ten persons was presented for baptism and eleven persons were confirmed, making up a ratio of 1.9% and 2.1% respectively when compared with the communicant strength.

During the three-year period, 1961 through 1963, the total reported expenditures were \$39,396.00, and of this amount, \$2,082.00 was expended for work outside of the parish. It is clearly evident from the financial report contained here and in the body of the Self-Study Form that St. Mary's Church is in serious financial difficulty. Not only are its buildings in need of massive rehabilitation and attention but also the income from pledges is much lower than should be expected for an independent parish. Consequently, most of the church activities are directly related to securing funds in order to keep the program going. Thus, instead of a concern for mission the parish is deeply engaged in a concern for finances and building maintenance.

VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. MARY
 COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

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 DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

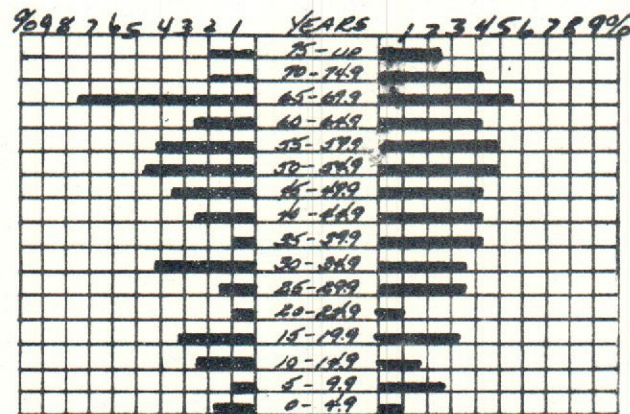
	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	* 330	* 342	420	488	298	306	270	253
Communicants	330	342	295	174	241	227	132	168
Church School	181	137	88	59	57	44	49	43
Baptisms	19	19	—	16	9	6	2	2
Percentage of Communicants	5.8	5.6	—	9.2	3.7	2.6	1.5	1.2
Confirmations	16	18	21	—	13	6	5	—
Percentage of Communicants	4.8	5.3	7.1	—	5.4	2.6	3.8	—
Parochial Expenditures 1	5,018	5,774	7,315	8,931	12,961	10,354	10,063	9,217
Special Par. Expenditures 2	654	2,422	1,965	1,883	2,017	6,263	220	1197
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	306	612	433	159	742	450	1632	—
Total Reported Expenditures	5,978	8,808	9,713	10,973	15,720	17,067	11,915	10,414
Expenditures per Communicant	18.12	25.75	32.95	63.06	65.23	75.19	90.27	61.99
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	0.93	1.79	1.47	0.91	3.08	1.98	12.36	—

* GDRFS ESTIMATE (NR)

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

TOTAL NUMBER REPORTING 218




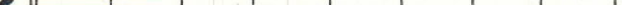

MALE

FEMALE

NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE GROUP IN YEARS	PERCENT	NUMBER
4	2.0	25-UP	2.6	5
4	2.0	20-24.9	4.1	8
15	7.6	65-69.9	5.6	11
5	2.6	60-64.9	4.1	8
8	4.1	55-59.9	5.0	10
9	4.6	50-54.9	5.0	10
7	3.6	45-49.9	4.1	8
5	2.6	40-44.9	4.1	8
2	1.0	35-39.9	4.1	8
8	4.1	30-34.9	3.6	7
3	1.5	25-29.9	3.6	7
2	1.0	20-24.9	1.0	2
6	3.1	15-19.9	3.1	6
5	2.6	10-14.9	1.5	3
3	1.0	5-9.9	2.6	5
3	1.5	0-4.9	1.0	2
89	44.9	TOTALS	55.1	108

AGE GROUPS

TOTAL NO. REF. 196

No.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	
32	14.7	14- UNDER											
160	81.8	20- OVER											
47	23.9	65- OVER											

BAPTIZED

TOTAL NO. REP. / 83

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CONFIRMED

TOTAL No. REP. 183

No.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
135	73.8	Yes										
48	26.2	No										

CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. P-70 ST. MARY'S, PHILADELPHIA

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CONGREGATION			TOTAL NO. REP. 155										
No.	%	YEARS	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	
17	11.0	0-4.9											
17	11.0	5-9.9											
13	8.4	10-14.9											
10	6.4	15-19.9											
15	9.7	20-24.9											
83	53.5	25-50.0											

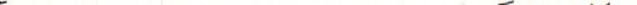

Non-Episcopalian: Belong to what Church		Total No. Rep.
No.	%	Denomination
11	64.6	BAPTIST
		LUTHERAN
3	17.7	METHODIST
		PRESBYTERIAN
3	17.7	ROMAN CATH.
		HEBREW

CHURCH FORMERLY BELONGED TO:			TOTAL NO. REP. 7											
No.	%	DENOMINATION	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100		
1	14.0	BAPTIST												
		LUTHERAN												
5	72.0	METHODIST												
		PRESBYTERIAN												
1	14.0	ROMAN CATH.												
		HEBREW												

OCCUPATION			TOTAL No. REP. 209												
No.	%	CLASS	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50			
12	5.7	PRE-STUDENT													
31	14.8	STUDENTS													
26	12.4	HOUSEWIVES													
9	4.3	UNEMPLOYED													
34	16.3	RETIRED													
11	5.3	PROFESSIONAL													
		FARM MANAGERS													
2	1.0	MANAGERS													
24	11.5	CLERICAL													
4	1.9	SALES													
4	1.9	CRAFTSMEN													
18	8.6	SEMI-SKILLED													
6	2.9	DOMESTIC													
20	9.6	SERVICE													
		FARM LABOR													
7	3.3	LABORERS													
1	0.5	MILITARY													

EDUCATION			TOTAL NO. REP. / 60											
No.	%	COLLEGE	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50		
10	6.3	4 OR MORE												
16	10.0	1-3												
		HIGH SCHOOL												
60	37.5	4												
44	27.5	1-3												
		ELEMENTARY												
29	18.1	5-8												
		1-4												
1	0.6	NONE												

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME			TOTAL NO. REP. 26											
No.	%	CHILDREN	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50		
10	38.0	ONE												
10	38.0	TWO												
5	19.0	THREE												
		FOUR												
1	5.0	MORE												

BORN THIS STATE			TOTAL No. REP 206									
No.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
154	74.8	Yes										
52	25.2	No										

BORN IN U.S.A.			TOTAL NO. REP. 206									
No.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
197	95.6	YES										
9	4.4	NO										

DISTANCE FROM CHURCH

TOTAL No. REP. 111

No.	%	MILES	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
26	23.4	10 or less										
24	21.6	1-1.9										
13	11.7	2-2.9										
14	12.6	3-3.9										
34	30.7	4 or more										

TIME FROM CHURCH

TOTAL No. REP. 105

No.	%	MINUTES	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
4	3.8	10 or less										
35	33.3	10-19										
17	16.2	20-29										
49	46.7	30 or more										

HOME OWNERS

TOTAL No. REP. 105

No.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
60	57.1	YES										
45	42.9	NO										

RESIDENCE BUILT

TOTAL No. REP. 58

No.	%	YEAR	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
4	7.0	1960-PRESENT										
1	1.7	1950-1959										
		1940-1949										
7	12.0	1930-1939										
14	24.1	1920-1929										
27	46.5	1900-1919										
5	8.7	1899 or more										

TYPE OF DWELLING

TOTAL No. REP. 109

No.	%	CLASS	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
83	76.2	SINGLE										
10	9.2	DUPLEX										
12	11.0	APT. HOUSE										
		HOTEL										
2	1.8	ROOM HOUSE										
1	0.9	INSTITUTION										
1	0.9	TRAILER										

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia

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St. Mary's Church has shown significant losses in church membership since 1945. Between 1945 and 1960 the baptized membership decreased by almost 200 persons although the communicant strength increased by 61 during this same period. There is reason to question the wisdom of the church's having sought parish status in 1960 because church membership has decreased since that time. Many members have moved to West Philadelphia and St. Mary's has not been able to attract newcomers to its membership. The result has been a steady loss of members, an increasing concern over finances, and worry about the future. At the time of this Study approximately 22% of the parish members lived in the parish area--making St. Mary's highly vulnerable because of the loss of members to other sections of the community and the difficulties they experience in coming back to the Mother Church.

There are several alternatives that seem self-evident on the basis of data submitted:

1. St. Mary's may decide to stay in its present location and serve the residents of the neighborhood. This decision would mean undertaking a new ministry while striving to continue the existing ministry to the present congregation. This is a very difficult task and can result in the creation of some very serious tensions. Some involve the rector and the demands on his time. Others involve the old

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non-resident members who "know how the church should run" and the new members who have a first-hand acquaintance with the needs of people in the neighborhood. Some tensions will develop over a struggle for leadership, others over financial issues, and still others over the use of the building for certain neighborhood activities. Nevertheless, it is evident that if St. Mary's is to continue it will need a radical restructuring of its present program which is essentially geared to the psychology of the old-line members of the church. The largest single group in the membership is composed of persons who have been members of St. Mary's for 50 or more years. It is also noted that retired persons make up the largest single occupational group in the church membership.

2. If St. Mary's is to continue a ministry to this area it should be as a part of over-all diocesan planning which should include the leaders of this parish. It is obvious that it cannot continue for long on its present course, without a considerable infusion of diocesan funds. About one-third of the present budget comes from local pledging and additional support comes from a small endowment income. Special fund drives and a considerable amount of organizational activity make up the rest of the income. Thus we see the unhappy situation of a congregation striving to keep the institution going and becoming less and less involved in the community.

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3. A merger with one or more Episcopal congregations is one of the alternatives to be considered. Two congregations can be merged psychologically and spiritually if they join on equal terms and are confronted by a common challenge.
4. The present membership could be encouraged to transfer to other Episcopal congregations in the neighborhoods where they live. Members would be transferred and when this is accomplished a new but radically different program might begin at St. Mary's. A new staff, a new community area emphasis and program should be considered. At first glance it might appear that this area of the city is over-churched but a careful examination of the total population in this area and the number of full-time staff persons serving these congregations reveals that the opposite is true. A new congregation with emphasis on a ministry of the laity, social concerns, and witness, is certainly one of the needs most deeply felt in this area. The institutional character of the present church can be seen in the **Daily Vacation Bible School** program in which some 12 Episcopal young people participated. Where were the other children in the neighborhood?
5. This is one of the areas of Philadelphia that may be involved in a program of urban renewal, but at the time of our Study such a program had not been crystalized. The master plan for re-development in Philadelphia

should be carefully studied, and the timetable examined to determine if a program of this kind will effect St. Mary's neighborhood or, indeed, the structure of St. Mary's itself.

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6. Another alternative would be to sell the structure, transfer the members to other Episcopal congregations and dispose of the property. Action of this kind should not be undertaken without a more thorough discussion of the alternatives, opportunities, and problems facing St. Mary's and its community.